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## Newport Coffee Palace (Former)



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### Location

24 Newcastle Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO232

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Newport Coffee Palace (former), constructed in 1891, at 24 Newcastle Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The Newport Coffee Palace (former) is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the only known surviving purpose built coffee palace in the region and as one of the relatively small number in the State. It demonstrates the early development of Newport and also has strong historical associations with the temperance movement, a powerful religious, political and social force in Victorian society. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant for its distinctive architectural treatment, being contributory to an otherwise ecclesiastic group within the Newport Residential Precinct. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Hermes Number 22212

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This prominent but austere 2 storey corner building has a parapeted form and Italian Renaissance character, with sparsely applied cement detailing. The bricks have been painted, and the building has been recently converted to apartments. Apart from the rectangular windows generally used on the elevation, there is a small arcaded balcony with basket arches between Romanesque inspired columns. An unusual roof form at the corner appears to be the result of an alteration.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Moderate

## Historical Australian Themes

Context

Contributory part of Newport Residential Precinct, as a keynote building.

Lodging people

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Frederick Harris, Thomas H Firth

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